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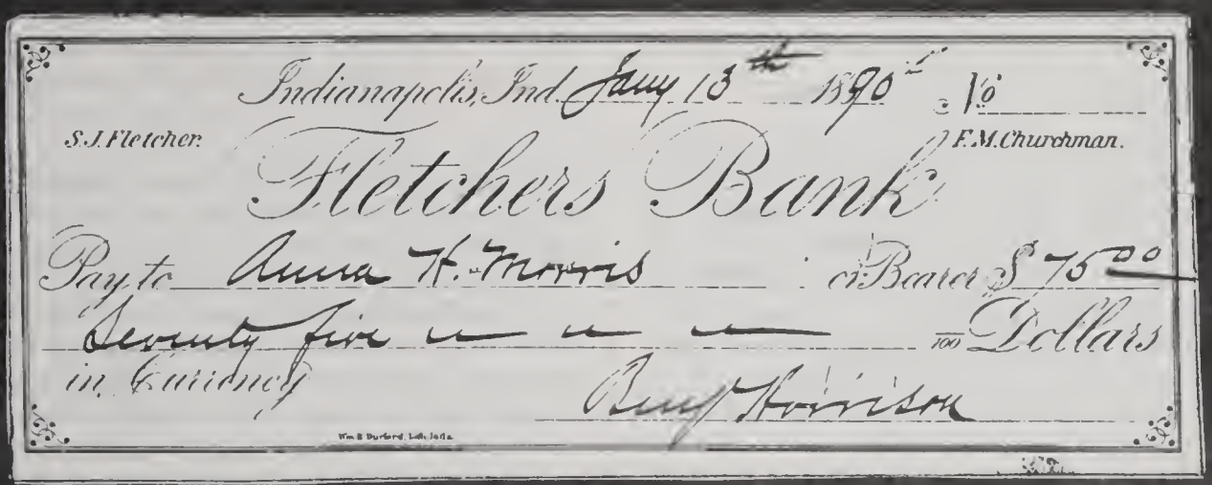

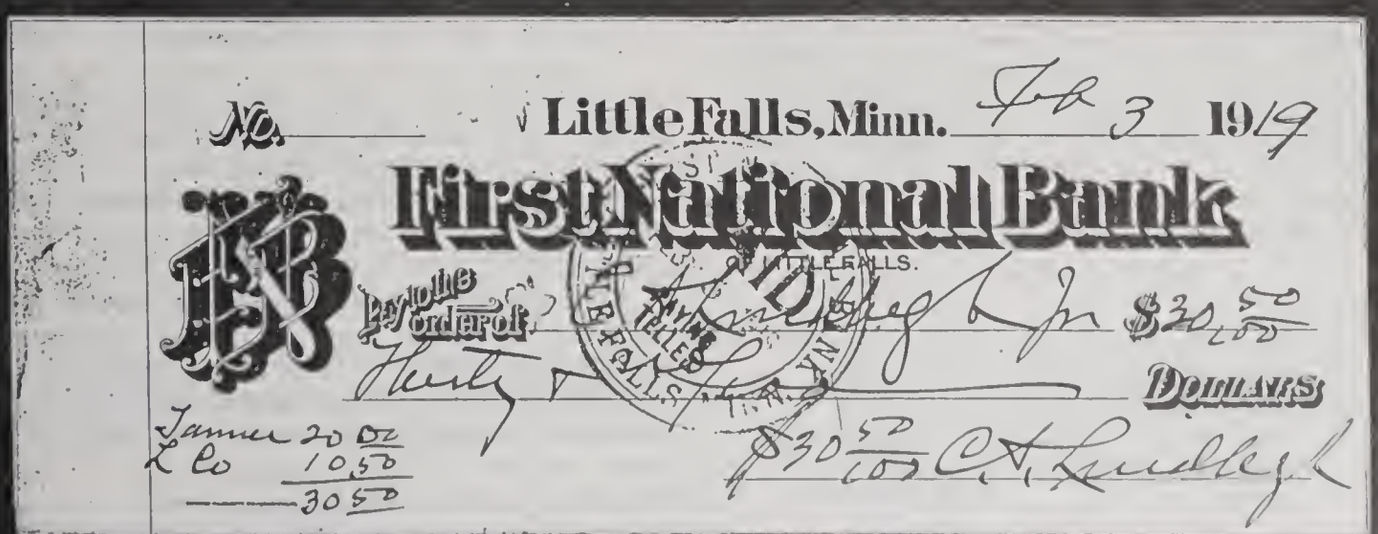

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we start another year, I should like to report some changes and additions. The Society was incorporated on January 2, 1991 in Delaware.

We welcome Judith Murphy, our new Vice President and Jon Cook, reelected as Treasurer. New Directors are: Herman Boraker, Jon Cook, John O'Hare, M. Kazanjian, Jim Partin and Lee Poleske. Thank you for electing me President.

I wish to thank Herman Boraker for his four years of hard work and support as Vice President. He helped greatly in getting ASCC established. And our thanks also to Charles Kemp and Jon Cook for their work as Secretary and Treasurer.

I am pleased to report that Martha Cox is appointed as an Assistant Editor of The Check Collector.

The Security Printers report appears elsewhere in this issue. Copies will be sent to each member in good standing. Be sure that your 1991 dues are paid! Jim Partin is appointed to continue as Coordinator.

In the left column ia a list of Departments and their chairmen. Please support their work in these areas. Remember that the Check Pool has good use for any surplus checks. Have you given a Check Pool packet of checks to a beginning collector or to a youngster yet? And please share your special checks with revenue imprints by listing them in the ASCC Check Survey. Be the first to report their existence!

Charles Kemp is our Librarian. Do you have any material to contribute? We could use some copies of the Handbook of Check Collecting for our beginning collectors.

Herman Boraker will coordinate ASCC meetings at National and Regional Shows. Get your meeting notice in early for listing in The Check Collector.

Listings of security printers not appearing in the Third Edition should be forwarded to Jim Partin. Can you find one that will qualify? Larry Adams has our slide program on Checks and Check Collecting for members to show at their local clubs.

All of the above people and their work can not help you and your hobby if you do not do your part. There are a great many areas of interest in check collecting where you may participate and enjoy your great hobby to the fullest. Any of us will be delighted to hear from you.

Happy collecting!

FLEA MARKET PURCHASE LEADS TO DETECTIVE WORK

Fred F. Angus

(The following is an edited version of an article submitted by Fred F. Angus, ASCC member. It is worthwhile reading for the historical facts alone. But, more than that, it details the process of research and the joy of discovery when the mystery of an acquisition unfolds. New and veteran check collectors alike will find inspiration in this article.)

Some years ago I was at a flea market in St. Albans, Vermont, only about 70 miles from Montreal, and I noticed some old documents for sale. Two of these interested me, especially as they pertained to the Plattsburgh and Montreal Railroad, and one of them had an original bank draft attached. Since I am also very interested in railroads, and the line had the name Montreal in the title, I very quickly acquired both items for a low price.

The documents were two bills of sale for locmotives for the Plattsburgh and Montreal R.R. The earliest, dated May 18, 1852, was for one second-hand locomotive named "Sciota" bought from the Nashua & Lowell Railroad in Massachusetts; price $2,750 including tender and spare wheels and other parts. It was this document that had the bank draft attached; it was also dated May 18, 1852 and payable four months after date. It was accepted by the Bank of Burlington, Vt. and endorsement indicates that it was paid in full on Sept. 21, 1852, only three days after the four month date.

The other document was a bill of sale for two new locomotives ordered from the Taunton Locomotive Manufacturing Company and dated June 28, 1852, with a payment in full being completed on Sept. 1 of the same year. These locomotives were named "Plattsburgh" and "Mooers" and cost $7,400 each including tenders and spare parts.

The Plattsburgh and Montreal Railroad was, as its name suggests, intended to connect Plattsburgh, on Lake Champlain in upstate New York, with a line being built from the St. Lawrence River near Montreal. This line was known as the Montreal and New York, and it extended from Caughnewaga, on the south side of the St. Lawrence River, to the international border near Mooers, N.Y. Connection to the island of Montreal was made by ferry as there was no bridge across the river until 1859. Another line, called the Champlain & St. Lawrence had been built in 1836 (the first railroad in Canada) and in 1851 was extended to Rouses Point, also on Lake Champlain some miles north of Plattsburgh. The object of both lines was, of course, to connect Montreal with Lake Champlain and thus to the steamboat system which was the chief link with New York City at that time. Since New York and Montreal were the largest cities in their respective countries, there was considerable traffic. The Plattsburgh and Montreal did connect with the Montreal and New York on Thursday evening, Sept. 9, 1852, and through service began soon after. Just below the border it crossed the line of the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain at a place called Mooers, soon named Mooers Junction.

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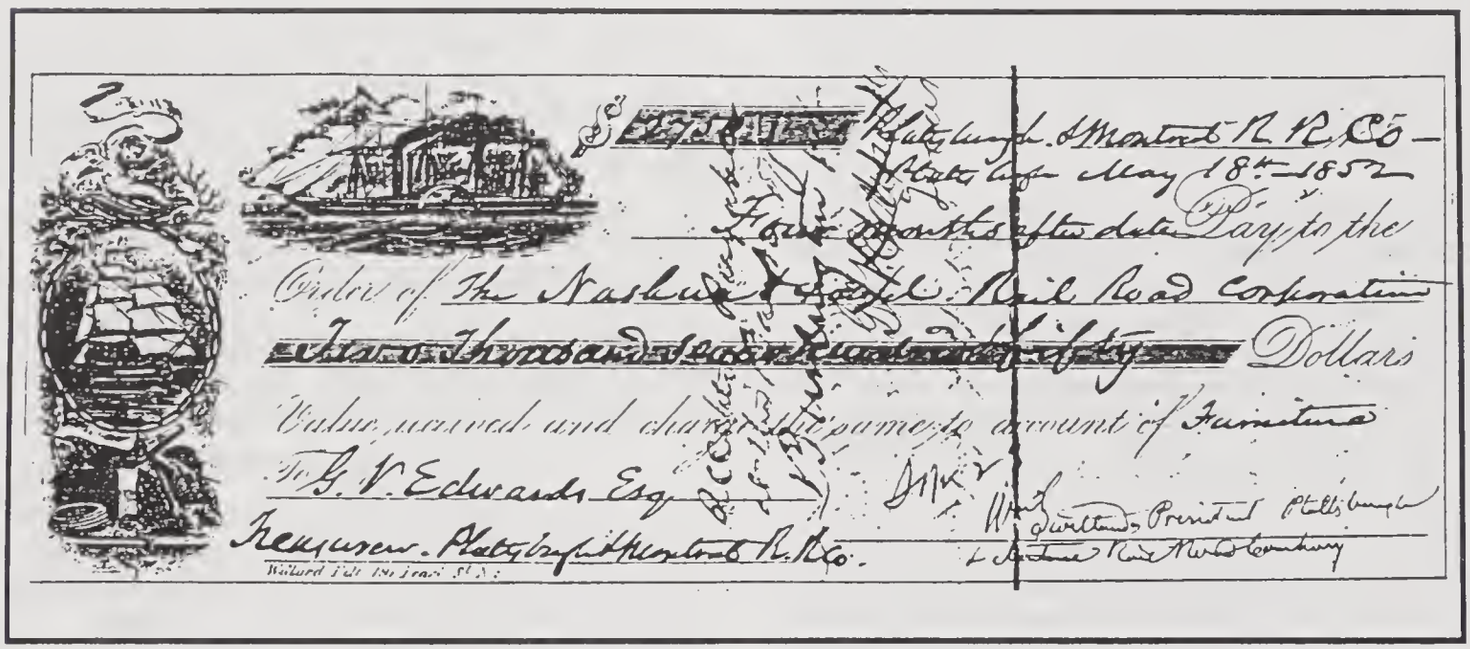
Since the dates of these events were very close to the dates on the documents, it suggested that the locomotives involved might be among the earliest on the line. The next step was to go to the Plattsburgh public library and consult the microfilmed files of the newspaper, the *Plattsburgh Republican*, which was then published every Saturday. This contained much information on the Plattsburgh and Montreal Railroad which was well covered in the newspaper since it was the first railroad in Plattsburgh. From the turning of the first sod in July, 1851 until the opening through to Montreal in Sept,. 1852, almost every issue of the *Republican* carried some mention of the railroad. Since I was especially interested in finding out about the locomotives, I made special efforts to locate items that might mention names of engines. In this search, I was successful as can be seen from the excerpts below which are all from the *Plattsburgh Republican* on the dates indicated:

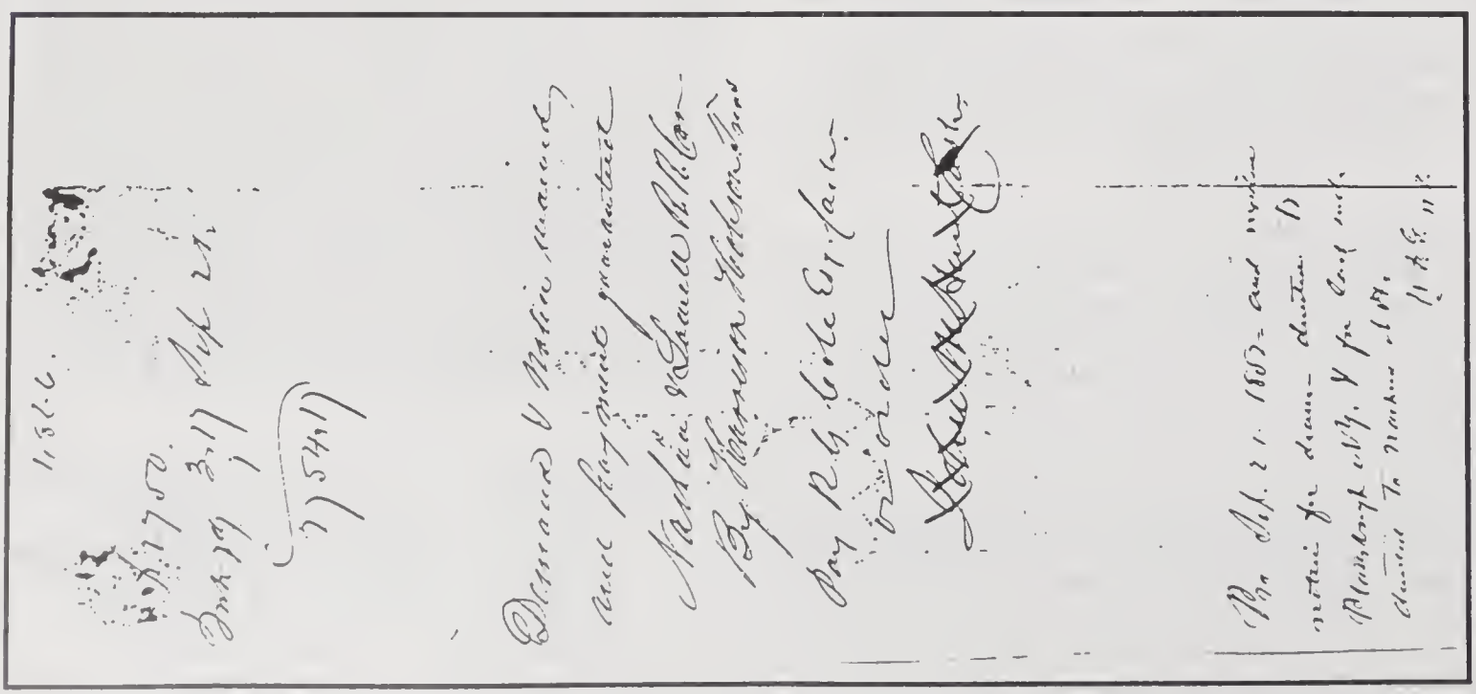
May 15, 1852 "A locomotive will be on the ground in the course of a week or ten days to aid in the track laying operation".

May 29, 1852 "The first locomotive and tender for the Plattsburgh & Montreal Railroad arrived here on the steamer 'Boston' on the 25th inst. and is now on the track at the wharf nearly opposite Fouquet's Hotel. It will be 'put to work' in a few days, so we hear. The track layers are going ahead rapidly, some four or five miles being now in running order:" *(Arrives one week after date of sale).*

June 5, 1852 "Thursday last (3rd inst.) was indeed a proud day for Plattsburgh, and one long to be remembered by her citizens and all others who feel an interest in her prosperity. About 6 o'clock p.m. of that day, the last connecting bar of iron having been laid down, the locomotive 'Sciota' (recently purchased by the company) started from the depot grounds near Foquet's Hotel, on the first experimental trip over the road to


Plattsburgh & Montreal R.R. Co.
Plattsburgh May 18th 1852
Four months after date Pay to the
Order of The Nashua & Lowell Rail Road Corporation
Dollars
Value received and charge the payments account of Furniture
To E. V. Edwards Esq
Treasurer. Plattsburgh & Montreal R.R. Co.

The bank draft that started the detective work!!!



Howe's mill pond in Beekmantown, as far as the track is now laid. The locomotive and tender were filled to overflowing by the Directors and Officers of the Road, and a goodly number of our citizens (including ourselves), and steamed off in gallant style along the iron track amid the cheers and congratulations of crowds of people who lined the banks and houses wherever a view of the 'machine' could be obtained, eager to witness the novelty of the first locomotive that has ever run out of our beautiful village".

July 3, 1852 "A strong force of track layers has also recently commenced operations at (Mooers) and are making good progress this way; and in the opinion of the engineer, in about ten days the connection between Mooers and this place will be completed. A new and beautiful locomotive, called the 'Plattsburgh', from the celebated manufacturary of the 'Taunton Locomotive Works' has been delivered to the company, and is all ready for the race".

July 24, 1852 "The two track laying parties on our railroad had their 'wedding' last Thursday evening (22nd inst.) at 7 o'clock - at which time the last bar was laid completing the connection between Lake Champlain, at this place, and the Ogdensburgh Railroad, at Mooers, to announce which fact the superb locomotive 'Plattsburgh', direct from Mooers, came sounding her shrill congratulations into our village about 9 p.m. that day - roaring like a very 'Bull of Bashon' ".

Sept. 11, 1852 "We learn that the track of the Montreal & New York Railroad was connected with the track of the Plattsburgh and Montreal Railroad, at the Province line, on Thursday evening last, thus completing the iron connection between Lake Champlain at Plattsburgh and the River St. Lawrence at Caughnewaga".

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This was the information that I needed to complete the story. It can be seen that the "Sciota" was the first locomotive ever to operate in Plattsburgh! Since it was second-hand, and cost only $2,750, as compared to $7,400 each for the new ones ("Plattsburgh" and "Mooers"), it is obvious that it was an ancient machine even by 1852; quite possibly it was pre-1840. Since the newspaper refers to the Plattsburgh as "superb" it must have been quite a contrast to the old, and proably much smaller, Sciota. To bring the story up to date, following the completion of this line, there was great rivalry between the Montreal & New York and the Champlain & St. Lawrence which ended with their amalgamation in 1857. Eventually they became part of Canadian National Railways. In 1875, the Delaware and Hudson (D & H) completed its line on the east side of Lake Champlain and took over the old Plattsburgh & Montreal. For one year they operated to Mooers Junction but then built a cut-off from Canada Junction, some distance north of Plattsburgh, to Rouses Point where it connected with the former Champlain & St.Lawrence. The old line from Canada Junction through Mooers to the border on the Canadian side lasted until 1964, but is now gone. The Amtrak train between Montreal and New York City still runs over the D & H through Rouses Point and thus covers the part of the old Plattsburgh & Montreal between Plattsburgh and Canada Junction (about 17 miles). Thus one can still ride a train over the track where the "Sciota" and Plattsburgh" ran so long ago. The Amtrak trip between Montreal and New York is very scenic; I very much recommend it.

Emerson & Buckingham,

BANKERS.

Longmont, Colorado

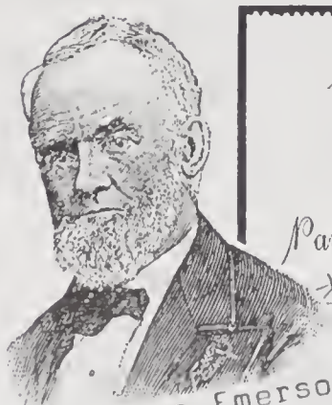
By Herman L. Boraker

The southwest boundary of the Louisiana Purchase was not determined until 1819 when it was agreed that it should run along the Arkansas River into the mountains and thence northward along the Continental Divide. The same year President James Monroe sent Major Stephen H. Long and a party to explore the region along the new boundary. Major Long reached Colorado in 1820 and Long's Peak, which dominates the Rocky Mountain National Park with an altitude of 14,255 feet above sea level, was named in his honor.

On the 22nd day of February, 1870, Farwell Hall in Chicago, Ill. was the site of a citizens meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a colony desiring to make their homes in Colorado. At a subsequent meeting the name Chicago-Colorado Colony was adopted. A year later a Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Colorado Territorial Secretary. In March, 1871, the colony surveyor commenced the survey for Longmont. All original deeds to lots and lands contained a prohibitory liquor clause, but in less than three years prohibition disappeared. The town was incorporated January 7th, 1873. The name Longmont is believed to be a composite, from Long, in honor of Maj. Long, and the French 'mont', or mountain.

The first bank, Emerson & Buckingham, Bankers, was opened in April, 1871, by Dr. Charles Emerson and his son-in-law, Walter A. Buckingham. W. A. Buckingham died in the prime of his life July 29, 1881. His widow, Mary, succeeded to his interest and retained them until her death February 19, 1901.

In 1908 the bank had a capital of $25,000, and the owners were Charles E. Day and F. M. Downer. The bank closed sometime between 1908 and 1919.



Dr. Charles Emerson

Longmont, Colo., May 7 1900 No. —

Emerson & Buckingham,

BANKERS.

Pay to Cash — or Order, $40—

Forty Dollars.

Eliza J. Fuller

W. A. Buckingham

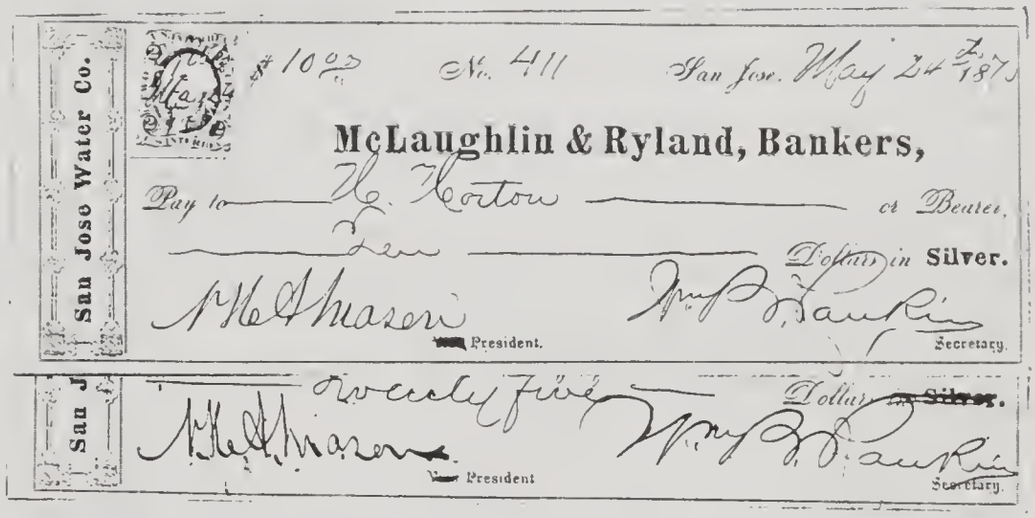
At the time the above check was written Mary Buckingham still retained an interest in the bank and Charles E. Day was cashier.

DESIGNATED CHECKS

(Continued from the last issue).

By Jack Weaver

Some years ago, I bought a big stack of checks--maybe 150 or so--drawn by the San Jose Water Co. They were early (1869 and 1870--that's early for California) attractive blue on white, and cheap. And they were printed for use against a silver account. A few of the checks, I noticed later, had a fraction inserted between "Dollars" and "in Silver" and that intrigued me. The top check in Figure 62 is the unaltered check, designating silver. The one underneath it has the designation scrubbed out so it must have been payable in gold. Below these, in Figure 63, are the right hand ends of five checks showing fractions ranging from 1/4 to 3/4.



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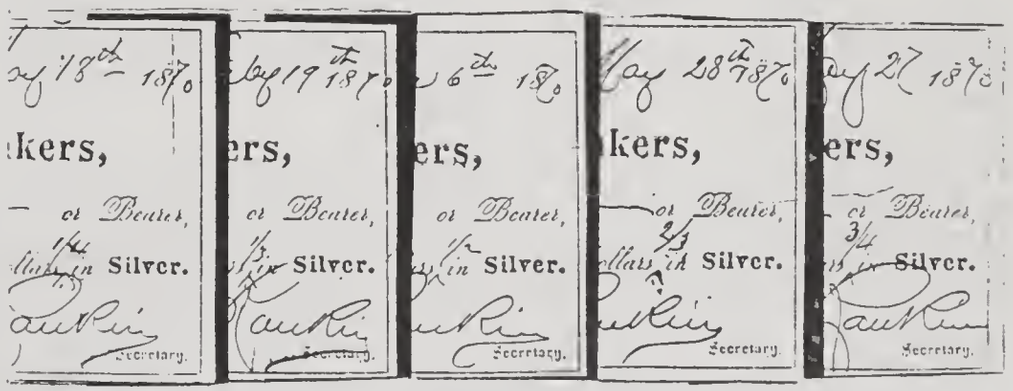


Figure 63

It is obvious, isn't it, that the water company maintained two accounts at this bank, one denominated in silver and one in gold. Then what did the bank bookkeeper do when he (they were all male in those days) posted that far right check made out for $57.30 and marked payable "3/4 in silver"?. If the payee banked elsewhere than McLaughlin & Ryland, how did that bank handle this check?

There is an interesting article in the March 1920 issue of the "Wells Fargo Nevadan" entitled "Forty-four Years Ago". It was written by G. W. McKean who went to work for the bank in 1876. He tells of being "put in charge of the Clearing House. In those days, we made two clearings daily, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We had two balances at each clearing, one gold and the other silver". It is logical that San Jose banks had similar procedures. Suppose the XYZ Bank received a split-payment check on deposit--like the one for $57.30 above, payable 3/4 in silver. How would they clear it to McLaughlin & Ryland?

Miller & Lux was a major landowner and farming company in Central California. They too used the split-payment concept on some of their payroll drafts drawn on the company's business office in San Francisco. The example in Figure 64 calls for payment of $9 gold (a half-eagle and four one dollar gold pieces?) and $9 silver. It was drawn a full 18 months after full convertibility when the discount on silver had to be less than 2%--resulting in a less-than-18¢ savings to the employer.

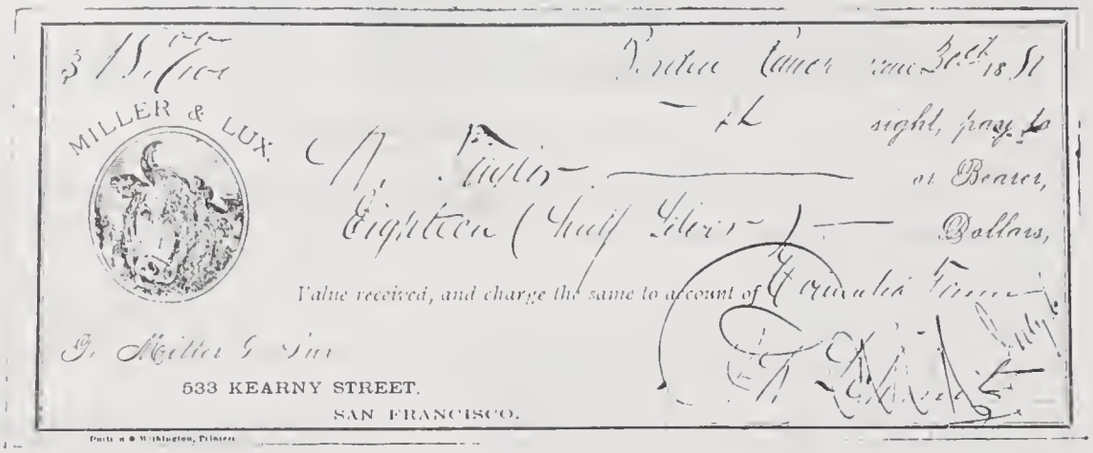


Figure 64

I have just one example of a California item calling for payment split between gold and paper. This 1866 example in Figure 65 is not a check but an internal debit evidencing a charge to the boss's account of $50 gold and $21.60 greenbacks.

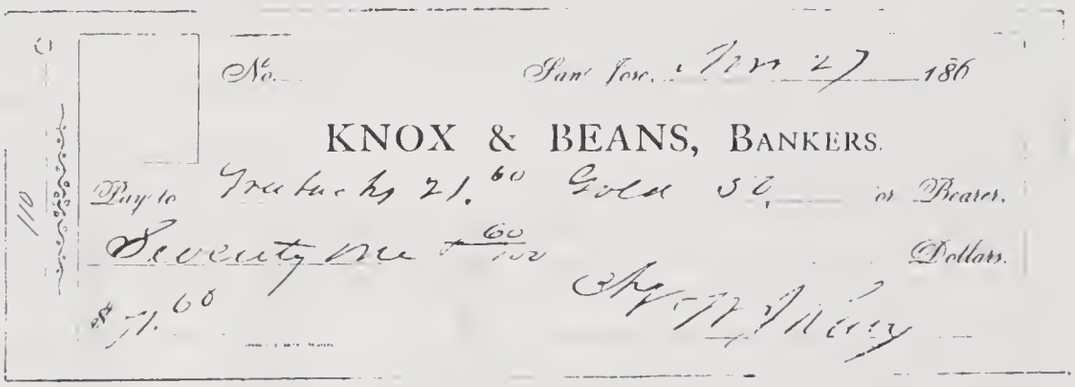


Figure 65

Incidentally, this bank (with my favorite of all bank names) was the first in San Jose. It was established in 1866 by this Mr. Knox and a partner, T. E. Beans. My reference source indicates the bank was still operating in 1927.

Here in Figure 66 is a very pretty check, drawn on the Agency of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco in Virginia, NV. The form was printed in bright red ink for the Savage Mining Co. and bears that bright yellow/orange RN-F revenue stamp in the center. This is probably a paycheck which was paid $20 in gold and $12 in silver, evidence in manuscript in red ink vertically in the left end panel under the company name. I have seen no other split-payment checks from Nevada.

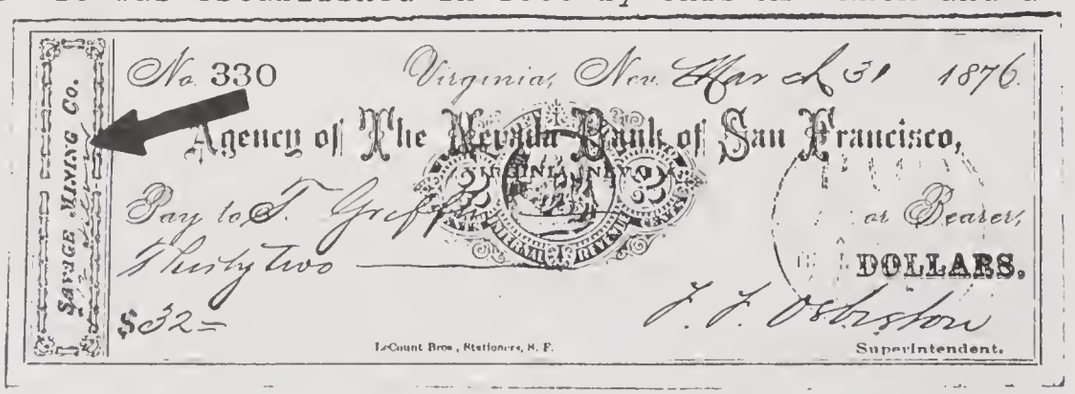


Figure 66

A third state from which we find these oddities is Montana and

they started designating split payments way back in 1867. Montana splits seem limited to gold dust and currency. This check of Mr. Solomon Star in Figure 67 (he left us a great legacy of cancelled checks) is typical. Ones I have seen are made payable to "self" so were not negotiated outside the bank. This one is actually a withdrawal receipt for $19 from his dust account and one for $15 from his currency account--really two receipts in one instrument. But didn't that practice complicate the work of the bookkeeper? Maybe not, since in those days, customer accounts were hand-written in big Boston ledgers and the bookkeeper could have posted the two accounts from this one document without undue confusion.

Figure 67

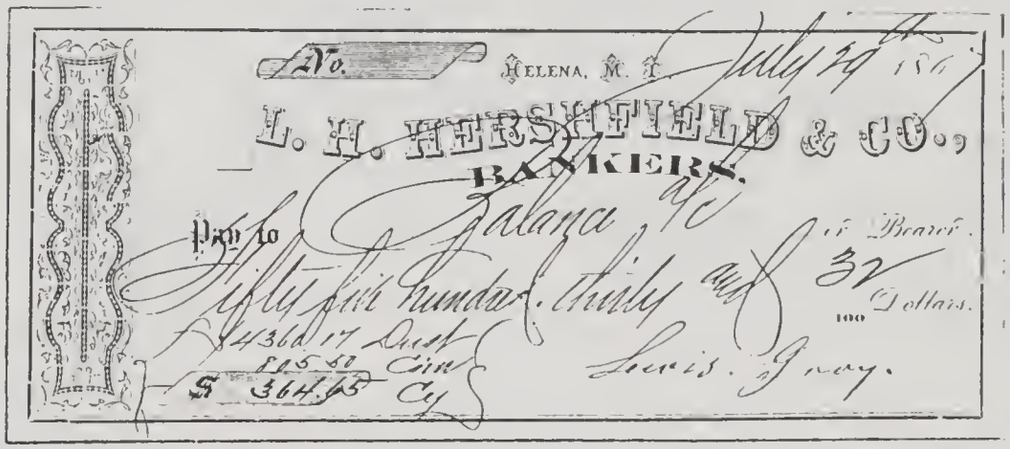
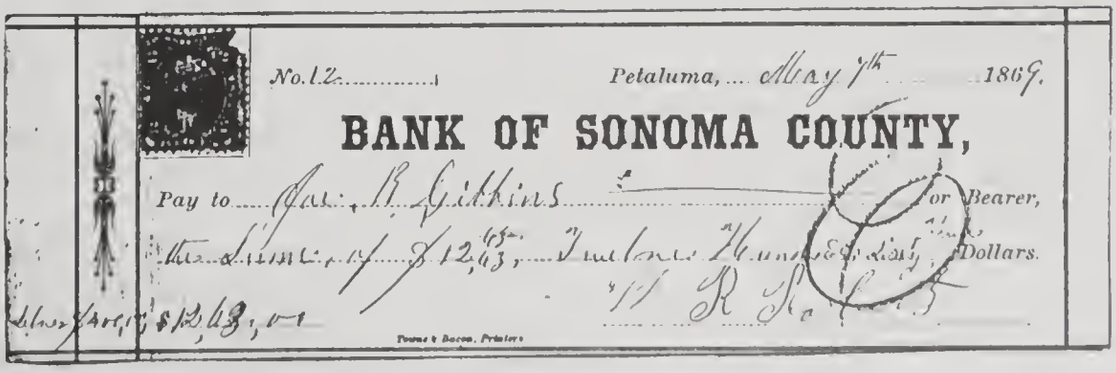


Figure 68

This check of Mr. Gray, shown in Figure 68, is a rather spectacular one at first sight, but it in truth is simply a triple withdrawal receipt. He was probably moving and wanted to close his three accounts with Messrs. Hershfield & Co. This elegant document did the trick.

Here is another "baffler"--an accounts payable draft used in lieu of a check, and shown in Figure 69 on the following page. The railway company is paying the paint company $517.55, "1/2 gold 1/2 silver". This voucher, properly receipted, became a check drawn on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles. And this is 1903! It is by far the lastest split-payment item I have ever seen and I am surprised the F&M Bank put up with this kind of monkey business this late.

Here in Figure 70 is a final split-payment check from Petaluma. The handwriting is primitive but the amounts are considerably larger than on most items of this kind.



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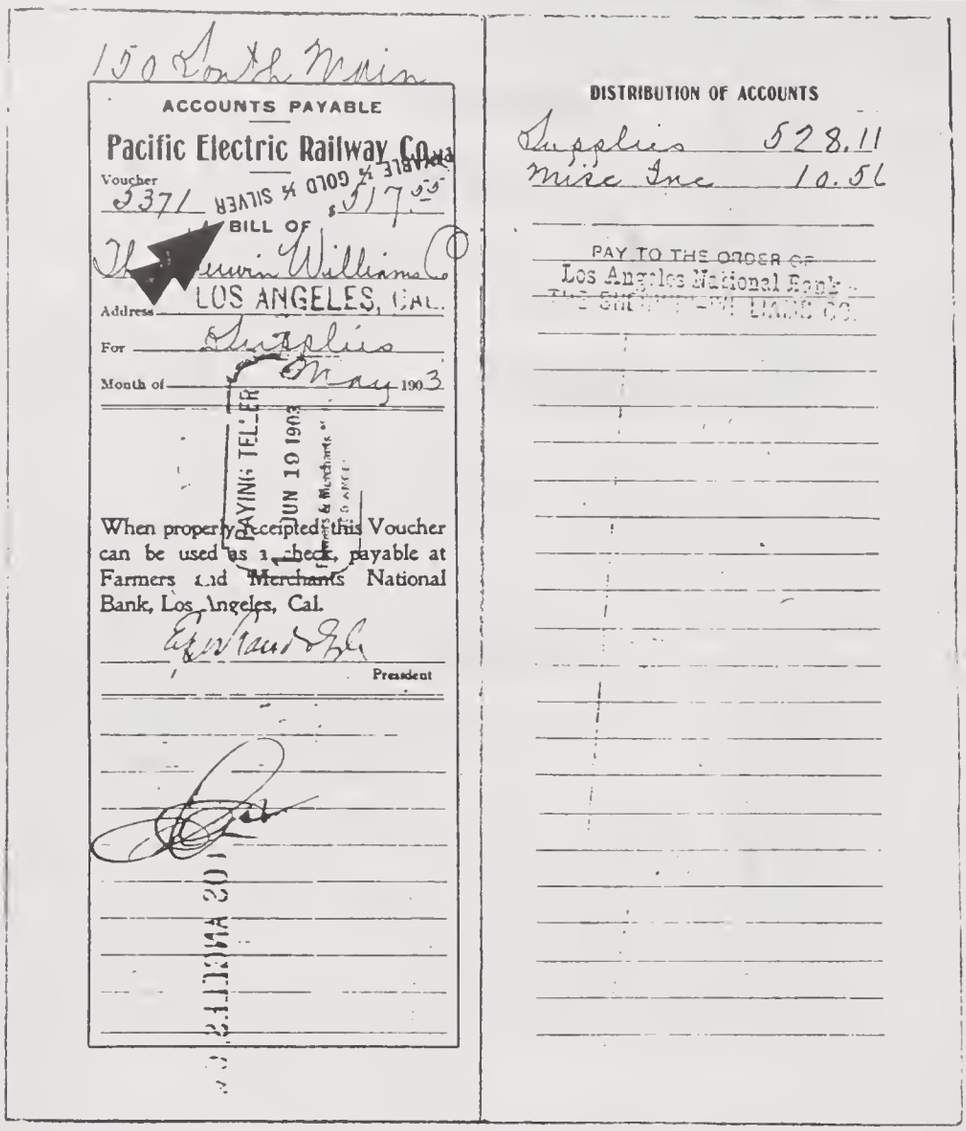

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Pacific Electric Railway Co.

Voucher 3371 $17.55

BILL OF Sherwin Williams Co

Address LOS ANGELES, CAL.

For Supplies

Month of May 1903

PAYABLE ½ GOLD ½ SILVER

PAYING TELLER JUN 10 1903

When properly receipted this Voucher can be used as a check, payable at Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Los Angeles, Cal.

President

DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNTS

Supplies 528.11

Misc Inc 10.56

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

Los Angeles National Bank

Figure 69

The Pacific Electric Railway Co. of Los Angeles paid its bill to Sherwin Williams Co. with a voucher drawn on the Farmers & Merchants Bank stamped "Payable ½ in gold ½ in silver".....in 1903! While a spread between U. S. and Mexican silver continued well into the 20th century, we have found no other document indicating a spread between domestic gold and silver dated after 1882.

Well, I said what I started out to say but I still have some more nice designated items to show you. Following are two extra pages of them for your enjoyment. Meanwhile.....

I can't believe how many years it has taken me to get this story down on paper. It would never have been written but for encouragement from those collectors I've acknowledged as we went along, plus many others. Especially prodding has been Dr. Robert Chandler who pays for his groceries with a Wells Fargo bank paycheck. Bob has truly kept me on track in this project and has helped me "puzzle out" much of my material. To those who have read this far: Thanks and let me hear from you. Maybe you have answers to some of these questions or maybe you have related material I haven't seen. Please let me hear from you.

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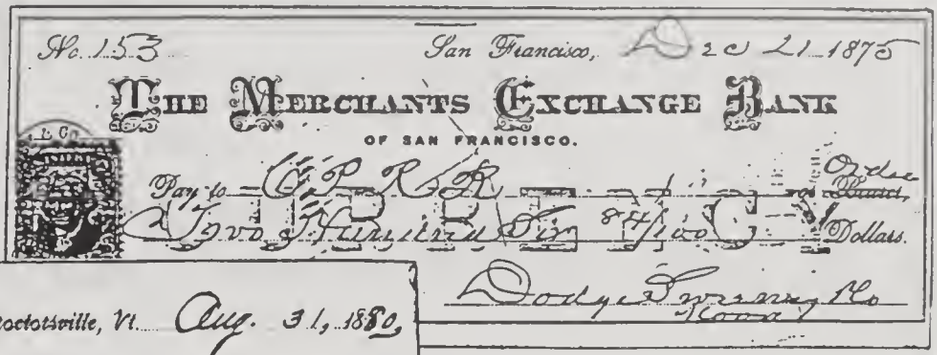

No. 153 San Francisco, Dec 21 1875

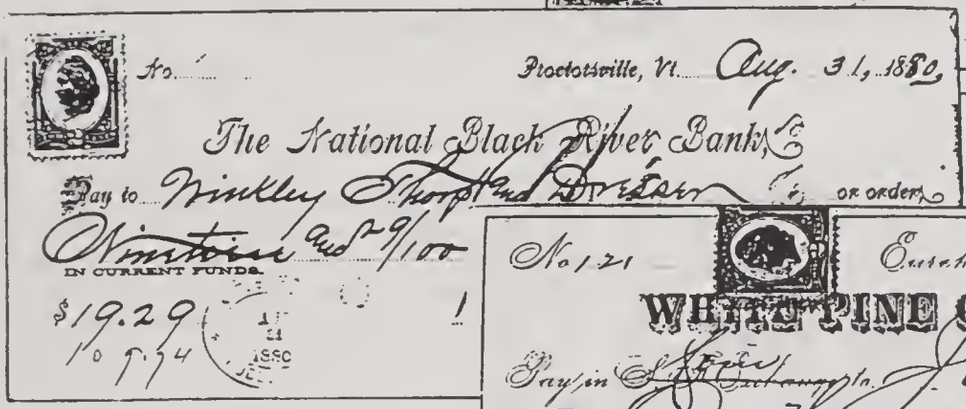
THE MERCHANTS EXCHANGE BANK

OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Pay to C P R R or Order,

Two Hundred Fifty 84/100 Dollars.

Dodge Lyman & Co


No. 1 Proctorsville, Vt. Aug. 31, 1880

The National Black River Bank &

Pay to Winkley Thorp and Dorsey or order

Nineteen 29/100

IN CURRENT FUNDS.

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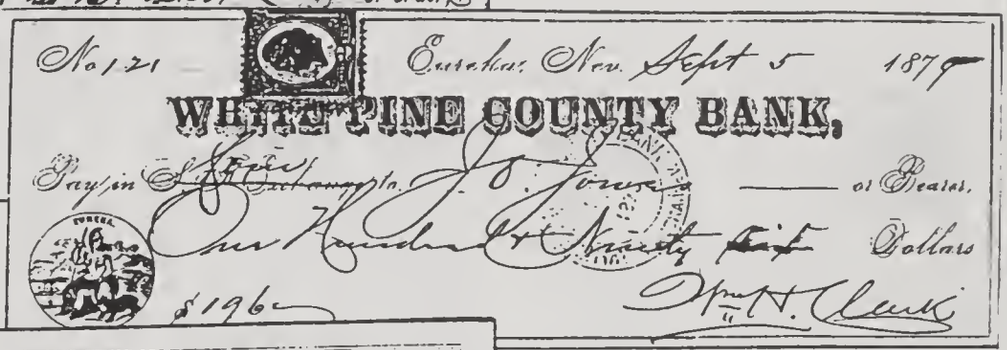
No 121 Eureka, Nev. Sept 5 1879

WHITE PINE COUNTY BANK,

Pay in Silver or Exchange to J. S. Jones or Bearer,

One Hundred & Ninety Five Dollars

$196

Opt N. Clark

No.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. 18

Agency First National Bank of Nevada,

PAY TO

IN GOLD COIN.

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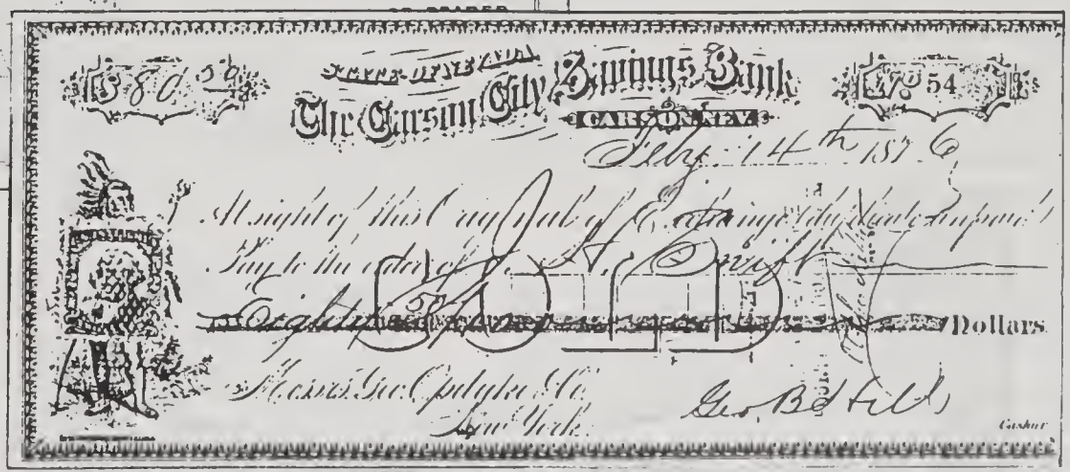

Carson City Savings Bank

CARSON NEV.

No. 54

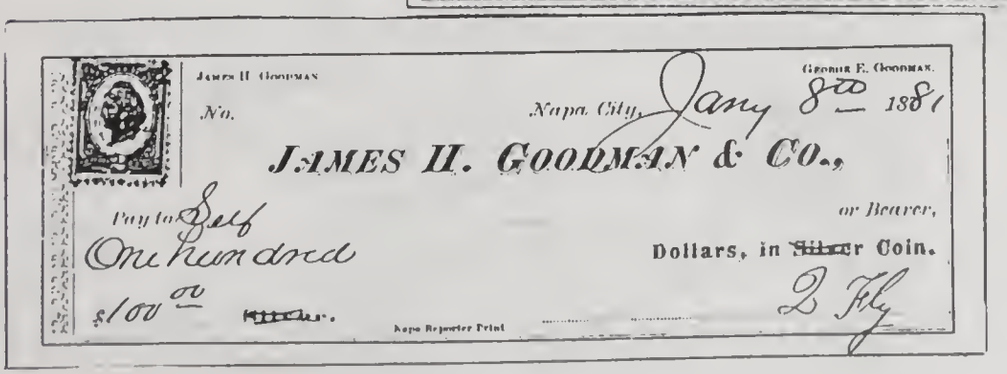
Feby 14th 1876

At sight of this Check pay to the order of J. A. Covell

Eighty 50/100 Dollars

Messrs Geo. Opdyke & Co. New York

Geo B. Field Cashier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Napa City, Jany 8th 1881

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Napa Reporter Print

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Rec'd Payment
Conroy & O'Connor

No. Santa Rosa, Cal., March 29th 1874

Santa Rosa Bank,

BANKING HOUSE, West of Plaza, SANTA ROSA.

Pay to R B Bunnyon or Bearer,

Ninety Seven Dollars.

$ Gold.

$97 00 Silver.

Santa Rosa Bank.

W H Hobart

Democrat Print, Santa Rosa

No. Oakland, 2 July 1875

The Union Savings Bank,

Pay to M. H. Carter (Mem. Pay Roll) or bearer,

Sixteen Dollars in Silver Coin,

$16 — Silver.

PAID

UNION SAVINGS BANK

By C. P. H. Pelham President.

SILVER. Los Angeles Nov 4th 1875

The Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Los Angeles,

Pay to L. Harquts or Bearer,

One Hundred & Three 54/100 Dollars.

$103.54 SILVER.

H Hamilton

No Los Angeles Cal Aug 14th 1878

The Commercial Bank

COMMERCIAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES. AUG 14 1878 LOS ANGELES, CAL

Pay to Cash or Bearer

Forty five Dollars

$45 25 Silver

Liggie M. Stanway

GOOD

A. S. C. C. CHECK SURVEY

New discoveries and new types and varieties of checks and check-related items submitted by members and believed to be not previously listed nor described in detail in print.

All items in this installment were submitted by Herman L. Boraker.

ITEM CODE

CK = Check	TD = Time Draft	W = Warrant
B/E = Bill of Exchange	CD = Certificate of Deposit	R = Receipt
SD = Sight Draft	D = Draft	PN = Promissory Note
	BD = Bank Draft	

STATE CITY	NUMBER	RN	ITEM	BANK OR ISSUER	PRINT	PAPER
COLORADO						
Central City	CO-4	B	CK	*Rocky Mountain National Bank* in Pen obliterates Printed Name on Check which is Geo.T.Clark & Co.BANKERS [Ptr.Western Engraving Co.Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Central City	CO-5	B	D	Rocky Mountain National Bank [Original] [Ptr. B.F.Corlies & Macy,Stationers, 33 Nassau St. N.Y]	BLUE	WHITE
Central City	CO-6	B	CK	Rocky Mountain National Bank [Ptr. Western B.N. & Engraving Co.Chicago]	BROWN	WHITE
Central City	CO-7	B	CK	Rocky Mountain National Bank [Ptr. Western Engraving Co. Chicago]	BROWN	WHITE
Georgetown	CO-8	B	CK	Geo.T. Clark & Co. BANKERS [Western Engraving Co. Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-9	C	CK	First National Bank of Denver [Western B.N. & Engraving Co. Chicago.]	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-10	C	D	COLORADO NATIONAL BANK [American Bank Note Co. New York]	BLACK	WHITE
Boulder	CO-11	D	CK	BOULDER BANK [Wm.Mann,529 Market St.,Philadelphia]	GREEN	WHITE
Central City, C.T.	CO-12	D	CK	Rocky Mountain National Bank [Charles E. Ketcham, 27 & 29 Nassau St. N.Y.]	BROWN	WHITE
Central	CO-13	D	CK	Rocky Mountain National Bank [Western B.N. & Engraving Co.,Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Colorado Springs	CO-14	C	CK	National Bank Denver(In handwritten script obliterating *Denver* and *Warren Hussey, Banker)* [Western B.N. & Engraving Co. Chicago]	GREEN	WHITE
Colorado Springs	CO-15	D	CK	EL PASO COUNTY BANK(In Shaded Upper Case Letters-Printed- Obliterating William B.Young & Co. Bankers) [Corlies, Macy & Co.,Stationers , 39 Nassau St. N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE

STATE CITY	NUMBER	RN	ITEM	BANK OR ISSUER	PRINT	PAPER
Colorado Springs	CO-16	D	CK	EL PASO COUNTY BANK(In thin unshaded Upper Case Letters in *BROWN* obliterating Wm. B. Young & Co. Bankers) [Corlies, Macy & Co.,Stationers, 39 Nassau St. N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE
Colorado Springs	CO-17	D	CK	EL PASO COUNTY BANK [Security Printer's Name Not Indicated]	BLACK	WHITE
Colorado Springs	CO-18	D	CK	El Paso County Bank (Letters in Old English Type)COLORADO In Vertical Format in Tablet at left. [Ptr. Corlies, Macy & Co. Stationers, 39 Nassau St.N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-19	D	CK	City National Bank of Denver [Ptr. Corlies, Macy & Co.,39 Nassau St.N.Y.]	GREEN	WHITE
Georgetown	CO-20	D	CK	First National Bank (In Script) [Security Printer's Name Not Indicated]	BLACK	WHITE
Georgetown	CO-21	D	CK	First National Bank of Georgetown [Ptr. Western B.N. & Engraving Co.Chicago]	BLACK	LIGHT BUFF
Golden	CO-22	D	D	F.E.Everett,Banker Drawn on Rocky Mountain National Bank [Ptr.Maverick, Stephan & Co.176 Fulton St.N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE
Golden	CO-23	D	D	F.E.Everett,Banker Print Obliteration OF T.J.Carter & Co.,Bankers[Ptr. New Eng. Lith.Co.,109 Summer St.,Boston]	GREEN	LIGHT BUFF
Mountain City	CO-24	D	CK	Dateline on Check of Rocky Mountain National Bank Central City Colorado User-Bela S. Buell [Ptr.Charles F. Ketcham,27 & 29 Nassau St. ,N.Y.]	BROWN	TAN
Colorado Springs	CO-25	F	CK	El Paso County Bank.(In Old English Type)[Ptr.Corlies,Macy & Co.,Stationers, 39 Nassau St.,N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE
Central City	CO-26	F	D	ROCKY MOUNTAIN National Bank [Ptr.NATIONAL BANK NOTE CO.NEW YORK]	BLACK &BROWN	LIGHT BUFF
Aspen	CO-27	G	CK	Bank of Leadville in Pen Script Obliterating Hiller, Hallock & Co., Bankers[PTR.Culver,Page Hoyne & Co Lith. Chicago]	BROWN	WHITE
Boulder	CO-28	G	CK	NATIONAL STATE BANK [Ptr.Culver,Page,Hoyne & Co.Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Carbonateville	CO-29	G	CK	MERCHANTS & MINERS BANK [Ptr.Collier & Cleaveland Lith.Denver]	BLACK	WHITE

STATE CITY	NUMBER	RN	ITEM	BANK OR ISSUER	PRINT	PAPER
Central City	CO-30	G	D	THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BANK [H.GUGLER&SON GEN'L LITH.MILWAUKEE]	BLACK	BROWN
Central City	CO-31	G	D	(SCRIPT)The Rocky Mountain National Bank [Ptr.WM.Mann, 539 Market St.,Philadelphia]	BLACK	BROWN
Central City	CO-32	G	D	(SCRIPT)The Rocky Mountain National Bank OF Central City The entire form drawn on Kountze Bros.Bankers 12 Wall St. New York all in print.[Culver,Page,Hoyne & Co., Stationers, Chicago] (Duplicate Unpaid)	BLACK	WHITE
Central City	CO-33	G	D	In Script Similar to CO-32(No Vignette) Drawn on Colorado National Bank (Denver) Handwritten on Line Form at Lower Left [Ptr.Culver, Page,Hoyne & Co.Chicago] (Duplicate unpaid)	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-34	G	CK	FIRST NATIONAL BANK (Lovely Vignette) [Corlies,Macy & Co.Stationers 39 Nassau St. N.Y.]	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-35	G	CK	FIRST NATIONAL BANK (Lovely Vingette) [Ptr.Collier & Cleaveland, Lith.Denver]	BLACK	WHITE
Denver	CO-36	G	CK	*COLORADO NATIONAL BANK [Ptr.Cornwell & Johnson, 247 Pearl St., N.Y.] *=Unissued	RED	WHITE
Denver	CO-37	G	CK	State National Bank(old English Type) [Ptr.Collier & Cleaveland, Lith Denver]	BLACK	WHITE
Georgetown	CO-38	G	CK	BANK OF CLEAR CREEK COUNTY [Ptr.Lith.Culver,Page,Hoyne & Co.Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Georgetown	CO-39	G	CK	Merchants' National Bank [Ptr. Western B.N. & Engraving Co.Chicago	BLACK	LIGHT TAN
Golden	CO-40	G	CK	F.E.EVERETT,BANKER--Valley Smelting Works G.BOARD & CO.[Collier & Cleaveland,Lith. Denver]	BLACK	WHITE
Golden	CO-41	G	CK	F.E.EVERETT,BANKER--Black Hawk AgencyBLACK VALLEY SMELTING WORKS[Collier & Cleaveland Lith.Denver]		WHITE
Golden	CO-42	G	CK	F.E.EVERETT,BANKER-User-The Moore Mining &Smelting Co.(HANDWRITTEN)[Collier& Cleaveland Lith. Denver.]	BLACK	WHITE
Golden	CO-43	G	CK	L.J.Smith & Co.Bankers [Ptr.Lith.Culver,Page,Hoyne & Co.Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Golden	CO-44	G	CK	*JEFFERSON CO. BANK(Printed Obliteration in Purple)Over L.J.Smith[Ptr.Culver,Page, Hoyne & Co.Chicago] *= Unissued	BLACK	WHITE
Golden	CO-45	G	CK	L.J.Smith & Co.,Bankers(Script) User-Paul Lanius & Co.Hardware [Ptr. Collier & Cleaveland Lith.,Denver,Colo.]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-46	G	CK	Merchants & Mechanics Bank(Written Pen Obliteration)of City Bank of Leadville [Ptr.Krebs Lithographing Company,Cincinnatti]	BLACK	WHITE

STATE CITY	NUMBER	RN	ITEM	BANK OR ISSUER	PRINT	PAPER
Leadville	CO-47	G	CK	The Bank of Leadville(Script) [Ptr.Western B.N. & Engaving Co.,Il]	GREEN	WHITE
Leadville	CO-48	G	D	Miners Exchange Bank(Old English) 2 Unusual Vignettes[Ptr.Wm.Mann 529 Market St. Philadelphia]	BLACK	BROWN
Leadville	CO-49	G	CK	Miners Exchange Bank(Script)User-Berdell & Witherell-[Ptr.J.W.Middleton Stationer, 55 State St.,Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-50	G	CK	Miners Exchange Bank(Script)Similar to CO-49 but NO Vertical Name Panel at left. [Ptr.J.W.Middleton,Stationer,55 State St.Chicago]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-51	G	CK	Script Leadville And First National (PEN)Obliterating *Conejos,Colo. and Conejos County*	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-52	G	CK	Miners Exchange Bank(Script) [Ptr.Wm.Mann,529 Markeet St.,Philadelphia]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-53	G	CK	THE MINERS EXCHANGE BANK [WM.MANN,PRINTER PHILADA.]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-54	G	CK	Miners Exchange Bank (Script) [Ptr.Collier & Cleaveland, Lith.Denver]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-55	G	CK	Miners Exchange Bank (Script) [J.W.MIDDLETON,PRINTER CHICAGO]	BLUE	WHITE
Leadville	CO-56	G	CK	THE MINERS EXCHANGE BANK [WM.MANN, PRINTER PHILADA.]	BLACK	YELLOW
Leadville	CO-57	G	CK	Merchants & Mechanics Bank(Script) [Ptr,Collier & Cleaveland Lith. Denver]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-58	G	CK	Merchants & Mechanics Bank(Script) Colorado in Vertical Panel at Left [Ptr.Same as CO-57]	BLACK	WHITE
Leadville	CO-59	G	CK	LAKE COUNTY BANK J.S.D.MANVILLE In Panel at left[Ptr.Wm.Mann 529 Market St.,Philadelphia]	BROWN	WHITE
Leadville	CO-60	G	CK	LAKE COUNTY BANK (Generic)COLORADO In Panel at Left[Ptr.Wm.Mann 529 Market St.Philadelphia]	BROWN	WHITE
Leadville	CO-61	G	CK	The Bank of Leadville (Script) [Ptr.COLLIER &CLEAVELAND LITH. DENVER]	BLACK	WHITE
Pueblo	CO-62	G	CK	First National Bank(Script) Colorado Vertical at Left[Ptr.Wm.Mann 529 Market St.Philadelphia]	BLACK	WHITE

A. S. C. C. CHECK SURVEY

Send all items for the Check Survey to the Coordinator: Edward N. Lipson, 46 Appletree Lane, North Haven, CT 06473.

Submit a full-size photocopy of each item which is to be listed. The name of the check printer, exactly as it appears on the face of the check and the colors of ink and paper (if other than black on white), should be written on the back of each photocopy.

Detailed guidelines for the submission of items to the Check Survey were outlined on page 32 of the August 1990, Issue #15, of The Check Collector.

AUTOGRAPHS ON CHECKS

Judging from the number of current price lists and catalogs carrying them, autographs on checks are a strong area of collecting interest.

For this issue, Sandy Mock has submitted a number of interesting checks with autographs.

The top check on the front cover page is one drawn by Grover Cleveland, 22nd and 24th President of the U.S.A. Drawn on the National Broadway Bank of New York City, it carries an RN-G1 imprinted revenue stamp.

The center check on the front cover page is one drawn by Benjamin Harrison, 23rd President of the U.S.A. This plain check on Fletchers Bank of Indianapolis bears the names of the bank's principals and is a "bearer" check designated for payment in Currency.

The bottom check on the front cover page is one drawn by C. A. Lindbergh and payable to his famous aviator son, C. A. Lindbergh, Jr. who endorsed on the back.

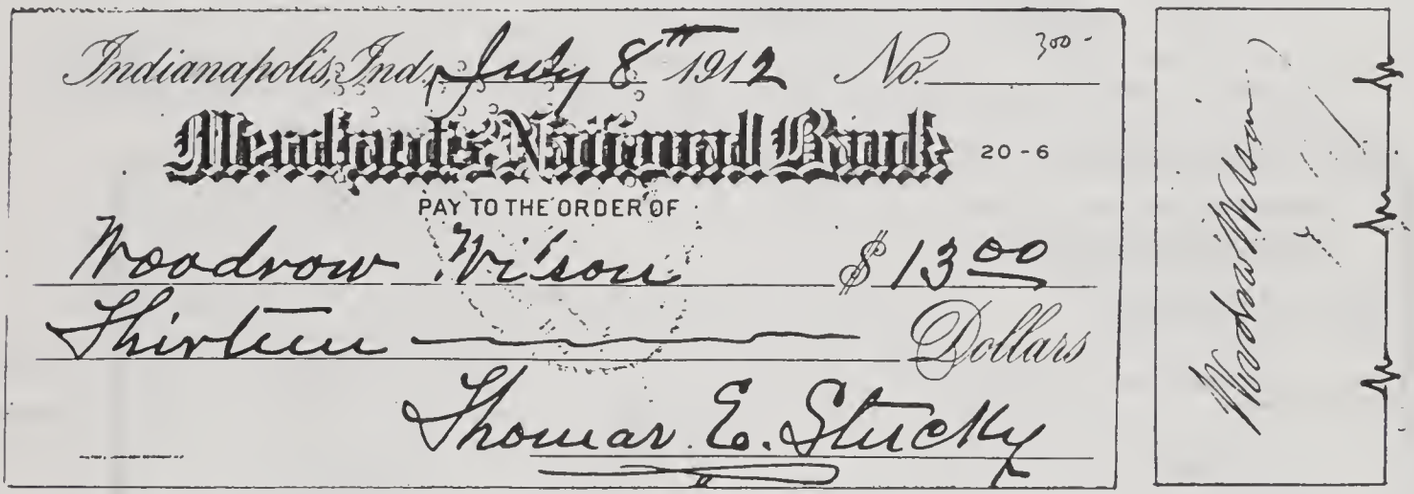


Figure 1

Shown in Figure 1 is a check drawn payable to Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the U.S.A. who endorsed on the back as shown.

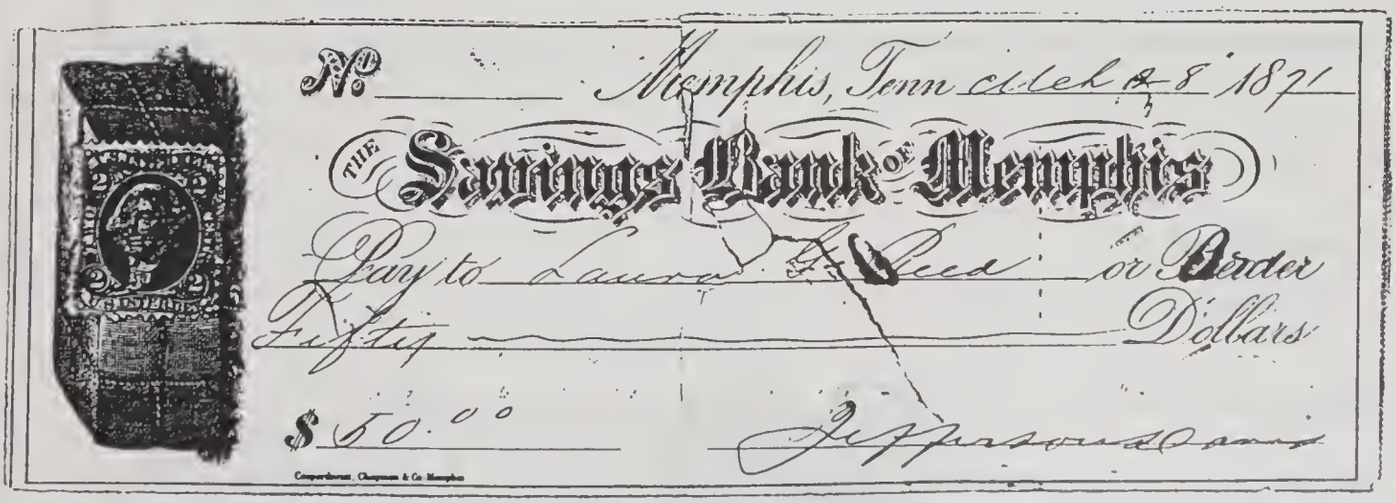
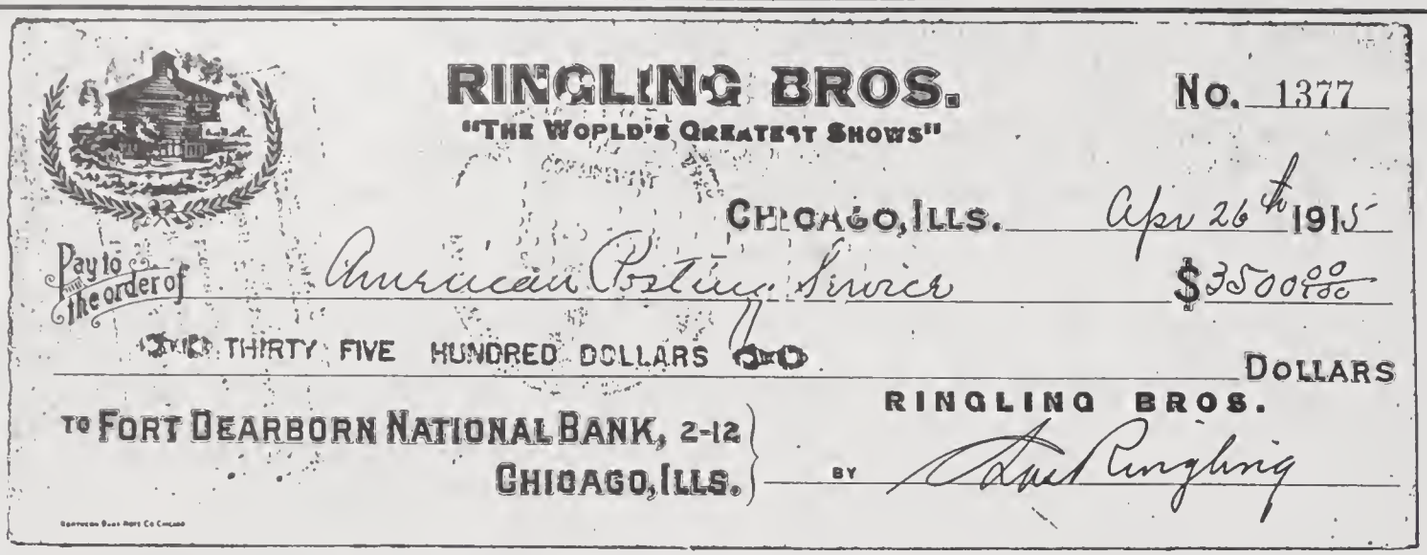


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a check signed by Jefferson Davis, who was President of the Confederate States of America. This check, dated 1871, was changed from "Bearer" to "Order" and drawn just after his release from prison. His first business after prison was in Memphis as president of an insurance company.



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No. 1377

CHICAGO, ILLS. Apr 26th 1915

Pay to the order of American Posting Service $350.00

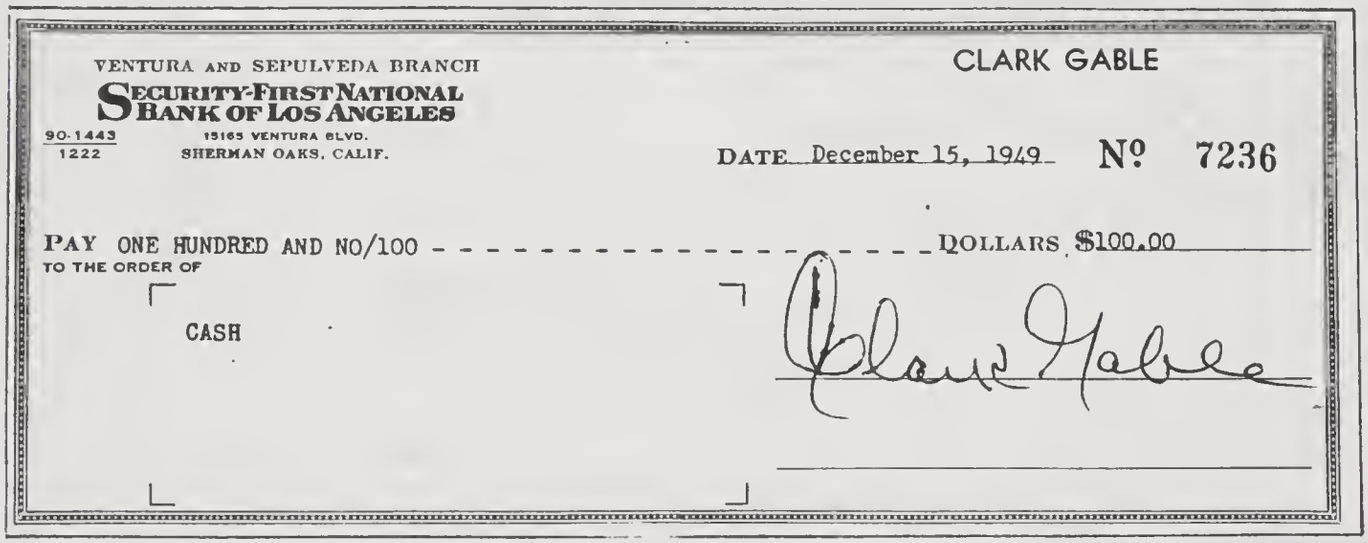
THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DOLLARS

TO FORT DEARBORN NATIONAL BANK, 2-12
CHICAGO, ILLS.

RINGLING BROS.
BY Chas Ringling

Figure 3

Charles Ringling of circus fame signed the check in Figure 3. His circus was later to be combined with those of Barnum and Bailey to evolve into the present "Greatest Show on Earth". An interesting vignette of historical Fort Dearborn appears on the check.



VENTURA AND SEPULVEDA BRANCH
SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES
90-1443 / 1222
15165 VENTURA BLVD.
SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

CLARK GABLE

DATE December 15, 1949 No 7236

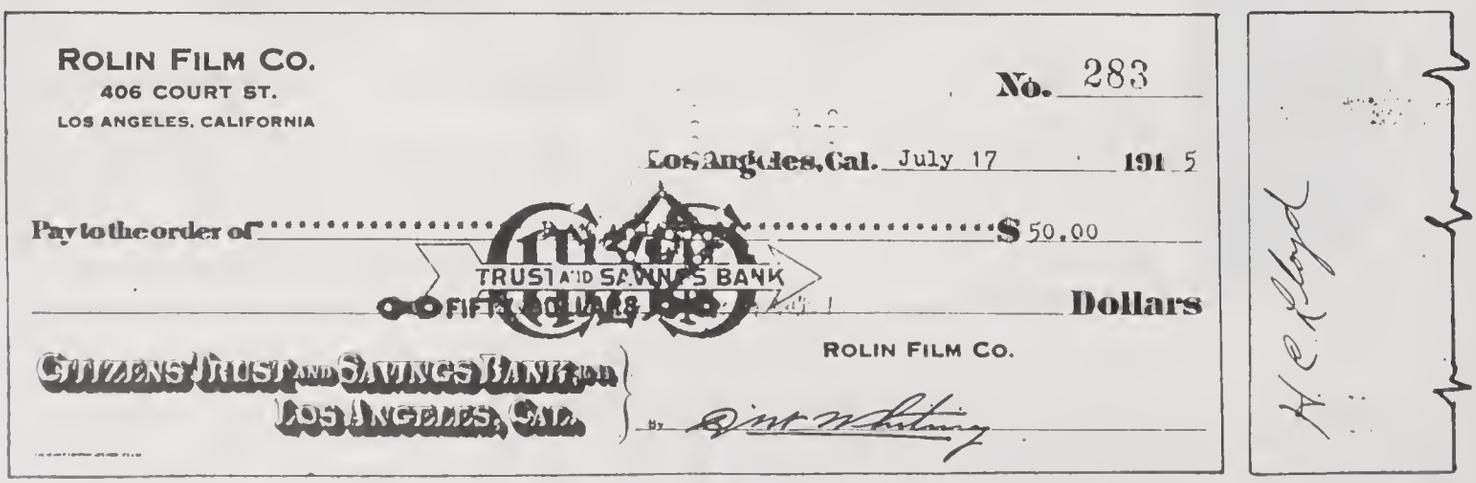
PAY ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100 - DOLLARS $100.00
TO THE ORDER OF

CASH

Clark Gable

Fig. 4

Shown in Figure 4 is a personalized check of Clark Gable, famed movie star of "Gone With The Wind" and many other feature films of the past.



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406 COURT ST.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

No. 283

Los Angeles, Cal. July 17 1915

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TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

FIFTY DOLLARS & NO/100 Dollars

ROLIN FILM CO.

CITIZENS' TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

By Harold Lloyd

Harold Lloyd

Figure 5

One of the earlier stars of the movies was Harold Lloyd, whom many remember with his tortoise shell glasses and his straw hat. The check in Figure 5 made out to him bears his endorsement on the back.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 1-3, 1991
Early Spring Convention
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ANY CHECK DATED IN THE PERIOD FROM THE FOLLOWING TERRITORIES:

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ARKANSAS	INDIANA	MICHIGAN	OHIO
OREGON	TENNESSEE	WISCONSIN	

Bank receipts, merchants receipts or other paper of this type also wanted.

CHECKS WITH PRINTED OR WRITTEN "TERRITORY", "TERR." OR "T".

ALASKA	LOUISIANA	NEW MEXICO	UTAH
FLORIDA	MISSISSIPPI	PUERTO RICO	
IOWA	MISSOURI	SOUTH DAKOTA	

I PARTICULARLY NEED A CHECK FROM JEFFERSON TERRITORY

The above material is needed for a research project I am undertaking and if you have any of the above material and it is not for sale, I would appreciate a photocopy or I would be more than happy to pay for any photographs. I would also be interested in obsolete bank notes from the above territories.

ROGER H. DURAND, P.O. BOX 186, REHOBOTH, MA 02769

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Charles Kemp, Secretary

The following members were elected to serve as Directors of the Society for three years:

Herman L. Boraker
Jon C. Cook
John O'Hare
M. S. Kazanjian
James D. Partin
Lee E. Poleske
Robert A. Spence

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Vice President	Judith Murphy
Treasurer	Jon C. Cook

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(C) = Collector
(O) = Dealer

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(By Jeff McCurry)

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Areas: 1,2,3,4,8,10,23 and 32.
(By Dave Shafer)

1316 Jerry A. McKinley (C)
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Areas: 2 and 4
(By Judith Murphy)

1317 John Steinbach (C)
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Areas: 1,4,21 and 22.
(By Lee Poleske)

1318 Edward Breslauer (C)
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Areas: 21, 22 and 30.
(Thru ad in Paper Money).

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(By Lee Poleske)

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(Thru ad in SPMC journal)

NEW MEMBERS

1323 Lloyd Ferguson
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1325 Dr. Wallace Lee
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(By John O'Hare)

1326 Mike Gibson (C)
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Rowlett, TX 75088
Areas: 1,2-TX,4,22 and 31

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46 Konanda Road
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Australia
Areas: 7-English speaking world,pre-1920 (Esp. India,Africa,Australia and Pacific, USA and Canada, 23-books and all literature.
(Article in Australian Coin Review)

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1253 Michael Anderman
1297 David T. Howard

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1 - Checks - General
2 - Checks - U.S.A. (Region or States of special interest)
3 - U.S. Gov't. Checks
4 - Misc. Fiscals:
Bank Drafts
Bills of Exchange
Certs. of Deposit
Promissory Notes
Receipts
Warrants
5 - Checks - Great Britain
6 - Checks - Canada
7 - Checks - World (Region or Countries of special interest)
8 - Travellers Cheques & Money Orders
9 - Specimen Checks
10 - Ration Checks
11 - Refund/Rebate Checks
12 - Other:_____
14 - Counter & Modern Checks
20 - Vignettes
21 - Autographs
22 - Railroads, Steamboats, Mining
23 - Banking History
24 - Security Printing & Printers
25 - Check Protectors & Cancel Devices
26 - Wells Fargo History
30 - Stock & Bond Certificates
31 - Revenue Stamped Documents
32 - Emergency Scrip

A. S. C. C. MEMBERSHIP

	ADD	DROP	TOTAL
November 1990	28	0	367
February 1991	14	13	366

HAVE YOU GIVEN
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OF CHECKS TO A
BEGINNING COLLECTOR OR YOUNGSTER?

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHECK COLLECTORS, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT
as of December 31, 1990

Balance forward (November 1, 1989)	$4124.40
Revenue	
Dues & Ads=	6590.73
Interest=	392.84
Total=	6983.57
Expenses	
Total=	5892.68
Cash on hand (December 31, 1999)	5215.29

Jon C. Cook/Treasurer

UPDATE -- SECURITY PRINTERS - THIRD EDITION

By Bob Spence

Some years ago I accepted the post of Coordinator for the Third Edition of Security Printers succeeding Ray Rathjen. Several members were enlisted in an effort to obtain additional listings.

Two editions of Security Printers had been published under the former name of the Society, the Check Collectors Round Table. The last edition appeared in 1976 and its 38 pages contained about 1900 listings. It has been out-of-print for many years.

The publication has been of interest and use as a reference work by check collectors, paper money collectors, stock and bond collectors, libraries, genealogical societies and their libraries, and historians concerned with the printing industries.

Continued work over these years has increased the number of listings to over 3100 for the Third Edition, covering about 72 pages.

We are pleased to report that the Third Edition of Security Printers is now being printed. This has been made possible by a grant from Deluxe Corporation, a foremost printer of checks and who celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1990.

A copy of Security Printers is scheduled to be mailed to each member in good standing of the Society within the next month or so.

A.S.C.C. CHECK POOL UPDATE

By John T. Paslawsky

Our members are continuing to send their extra checks to our Check Pool in substantial numbers and varieties. Here are some of the latest outstanding contributions:

Edward D. Schoenberger--several thousand checks from 12 states, mostly from KS, MO, NE and OK. (About 80 banks from KS).

Don T. Thrall--several thousand checks from 25 states, mostly CA.

Hector J. Turgeon--230 checks from Fleet NB of Providence, RI.

Jim Garbani--25 checks and promissory notes from AZ, NM, TX & CA.

Additionally, there were more than 3000 checks from FL, MO, TX and several midwestern states. That's more than 10,000 checks from about 30 states, mostly used and dated from the 1880's to the 1980's. My current estimate places our Check Pool at about 60,000 checks. We extend our sincere thanks to all members who have contributed so generously to the Check Pool.

Please note that the Check Pool was conceived to promote check collecting in general and to attract new members, especially youngsters, to our membership. This effort, started in 1989 and promoted by the officers of ASCC, was publicized extensively and supported by the general membership.

In the last three months we have received requests for 50 of the 100-check packets. In addition, we are planning to send 100 complimentary 25-check packets to Raymond E. Whyborn, President of the Texas Numismatic Assn. who requested them to give to interested parties at the Early Spring Convention of the A.N.A. in Dallas, TX, on 1-3 March, 1991.

Regional meetings of coin and stamp shows provide an excellent opportunity to distribute our check packets and promote interest in check collecting.

If you would like to receive a quantity of the check packets from our Pool, please send your request, plus $1 per packet for postage, to: John T. Paslawsky, 583 Ord Drive, Boulder, CO 80303.

CHECK COLLECTORS MEET AT FUN SHOW.

An ASCC "Roundtable" Meeting was held on January 3. 1991, at the FUN Convention in Orlando, Florida. Jim Partin arranged and chaired the meeting, attended by seven members.

After an update of personal and Society news, there was a discussion of items of interest to check collecting. One question that sparked much participation was "What should one look for in a check hoard?" Other subjects ranged from preservation of checks and check holders to resources available in locating checks for collections.

The FUN bourse of 520 booths included about a dozen dealers who had checks at the show. There was a wide range of checks and related material.

Russell Rulau, an early charter member of the former CCRT was at the Pobjoy Mint booth. Russell sends his best regards to his old friends of CCRT. The small and friendly meeting, the goodly range of checks at the bourse and the excellent facilities made this event one to remember.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS

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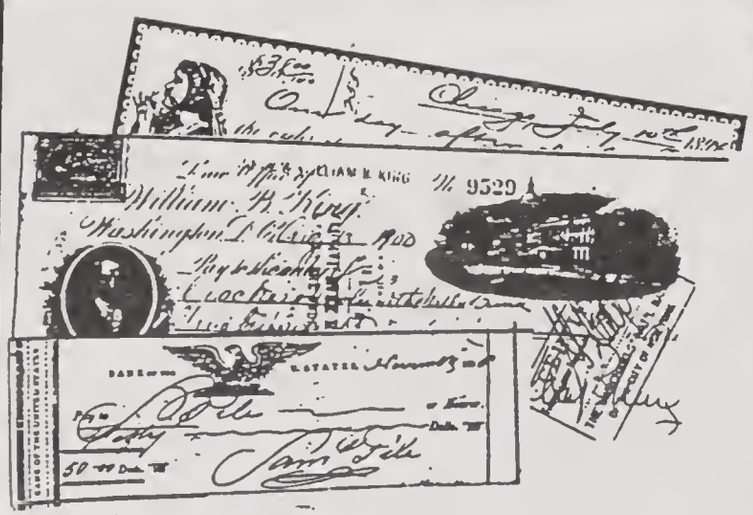

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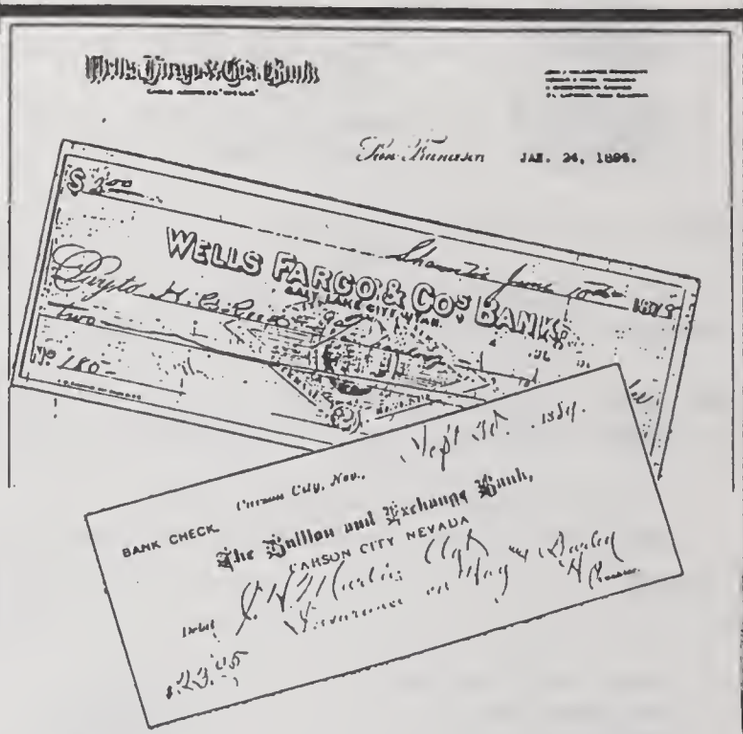

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